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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Final Office Action dated August 9, 2002, which has a statutorily shortened period that ends on November 12, 2002 in this case. An RCE accompanies this paper.

AMENDMENTS

Please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

By this amendment, Claims 1, 7 and 23 are amended and Claims 21 and 22 are cancelled. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), the attachment entitle "Version with markings to show changes made" provides marked up versions of the amended claims containing the newly introduced changes. The following is a clean version of the entire set of pending Claims 1, 3-7, 9-12, 14, 15 and 23.

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